

### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 280 are pending in the application.

Claims 181, 182, 184, 185, 210, 267, 268, 270 and 271 have been amended to correct a minor typographical error. No claims have been amended to overcome prior art.

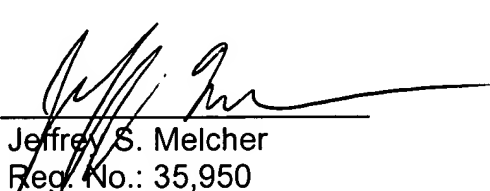
In the Amendment dated September 20, 1999, on page 68, Applicant stated that "Basis for new claims 3 - 280 can be found in the originally filed specification and claims. No new matter has been added. No claims have been amended to overcome prior." Applicant clearly intended to state that "No claims have been amended to overcome prior art." The claims were only amended to clarify the use of novel hydride ions formed from hydrino atoms, i.e. referred to as "hydrino hydride ions" throughout the present specification. The originally filed claims clearly recited the use of a specific hydrino hydride ion by its binding energy, as described in the present specification.

In view of all of the objections and rejections of record having been addressed, it is sincerely believed that the subject application is in condition for allowance and Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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